

**RUTH ROBINSON**, Sworn for the State. I worked at the National Pencil Company for three years and was working there during the year 1912, up until the middle of April, 1913, just a few weeks before Mary Phagan was killed. I have known Mary Phagan ever since she has been a very little girl, having known her in Cobb County, where we both lived. Mary was a beautiful girl. I knew Leo M. Frank. I have had read to me the evidence that I gave on the trial of the case of the State vs. Leo M. Frank. Every word of it is absolutely true. I did see Frank at Mary's machine, talking to Mary and I heard Frank call her "Mary". I heard it many times. Frank was at Mary's machine at great deal more than there was any need for him to be there. Mary had worked at the Pencil Company a good long time and understood her business, and did not have any need for anybody to be there at her machine showing her anything and the time Frank spent at Mary's Machine was not because Mary needed anybody to show her how to operate the same or how to do her work. I have seen Frank go to Mary's machine three and four times a day. Sometimes he would remain as long as fifteen or twenty minutes. Frank did not very often pay any attention to the work being done by the other girls on that floor, other than Mary, I have seen Frank, in showing Mary about her work, take hold of her hands and hold them. For a while I did the same work exactly that Mary did. It was simple and easy as it could be. Frank's visits to Mary and talks with her and assistance given her became more frequent and more constant during the time that I noticed them which was from about some time during the summer or fall of 1912, and continued until the time I left there. I have forgotten the exact date, but the very last day that I worked at the National Pencil Company's place of business I saw Frank talking to Mary. I heard him call her Mary. I have read ground #9 of the extraordinary motion for new trial of Leo M. Frank, as filed in the clerk's office on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1914. I have just this minutes been introduced to a lady who goes by the name of Mrs. Maggie Nash and who says that she was Miss Maggie Griffin. Miss Maggie Griffin when she came into the room stated that she did not know my name. She thought after looking at me she had probably seen me but she was not positive about that. She denied in my presence that she had ever coached me or talked to me about the Frank case or my evidence on the Frank case. I can positively state that I do not remember ever having seen Miss Griffin and I did not know her name, and certain it is that she never talked to me in her life or undertook to coach me about what I should say. It is not true that Maggie Griffin and Dewey Hewell left the large room referred to in Frank's motion two or three times together and returned together, and it is not true that I heard Dewey Hewell say repeatedly that she was afraid she would forget all Maggie had told her to say when she went into the courthouse, and it is not true that I heard Miss Griffin or any body else say that she did not know where Mary Phagan worked and that she did not know her name. It is not true that Dewey Hewell said that she was rehearsed in her part by Maggie Griffin in any room, anywhere at any time. On the other hand I never heard Dewey Hewell say anything about Frank one way or the other at any time. It is true that I was taken by Bass Rosser to the office of Solicitor General Hugh M. Dorsey and on the very day that I testified in the case. I never saw or talked to Solicitor General Dorsey about this case until the day I went on the stand. I never talked with Detective Bass Rosser about this matter until the day I went on the stand. I did talk to a great many people immediately after Mary Phagan was murdered about what I knew about Frank's knowing Mary Phagan, and among others I talked to my father, who lives in Cobb County, about it and I told him exactly what I told on the stand. I have never made any affidavit for anybody till this time and I have never stated to anybody the things that are set out in this extraordinary motion in paragraph 9. It is absolutely false that the solicitor told me that I knew something against the character of Leo M. Frank. The solicitor asked me questions about what I knew about Frank's character. I stated to the solicitor general that I was acquainted with the general character and reputation of Leo M. Frank and that that character was bad. The solicitor stated that they had enough evidence with reference to Frank's general bad character and that he would not ask me those questions, but that he would only ask me questions with reference to Frank's knowing and being acquainted with Mary Phagan. If the solicitor or counsel for Frank had seen fit to ask me about Frank's general character on the stand, I would have told them as I state in this affidavit that his character was bad. It is absolutely false that the solicitor insulted

me. The solicitor general never suggested or intimated in any way that I had had sexual intercourse with the defendant in his office or any other place in his factory, or that he knew the location of any room or that he knew of other girls having been in the room with him. The solicitor general merely asked me about what I had heard other people say about Leo M. Frank's general character and I never even told him until today, April 20, 1914 about any conduct on the part of Frank toward me in his office. I have today, however, told the solicitor general about what I considered an improper proposal on the part of Leo M. Frank to me. In other words, the said Leo M. Frank undertook to give me seven dollars when he knew I was not entitled to the said money and he endeavored to arrange a meeting with me sometime the next week. This occurred in his office in the presence of other people and I fully understood what Frank meant. I do not know who the people were in Frank's office at that time, but he had there three girls. I never had a private conversation with the solicitor general in my life. There were always other people present. He never used any insulting language to me and it is absolutely untrue as stated in the motion for a new trial that he said anything that was improper. It is absolutely untrue that I was ever in any room with twelve or fifteen other women, all witnesses in the Frank case, at the same time Mr. Dorsey was there. The only time I was in any room with 12 or 15 witnesses in the Frank case was in the courthouse across the street from Mr. Dorsey's office in the Kiser Building and while Mr. Dorsey was in the trial of the case in the court room. I know Carrie Smith, but I never talked to her in Mr. Dorsey's office or elsewhere. The day I was sworn was the only time I saw Mr. Dorsey. I know Myrtle [sic] Cato, but I was not in any room with her. It is absolutely false that the solicitor general told me to answer questions right off sharp. All the allegations with reference to what Maggie Griffin did or said in the room with twelve of fifteen other girls, as stated in Frank's extraordinary motion for a new trial are absolutely false, so far as they refer to me.